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If A Child Has Cancer

If a child has cancer, and he receives proper care, he has better chances than ever before to recover and lead a productive life. April 1 marks the beginning of the yearly Cancer Crusade in Appomattox and a canvass for our ACS Fair Share Goal of $2400. Part of this comes back directly to the county in equipment for the Loan Closet.

Yes, if a child has cancer, there are treatment centers and people willing to help. Likewise, we applaud the recent, successful efforts to establish and staff the Community Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services Board of Central Virginia. If a child in Appomattox has mental or emotional problems, there is now this referral service available with Dr. Malcolm Bowen as psychiatrist-director. Appomattox County supports this service with its tax money.

For speech and hearing problems an Appomattox boy or girl (adults, too) can go to the Central Va. Speech and Hearing Clinic, Va. Baptist Hospital to have his hearing tested or speech problems analysed, possibly treated, if local therapy cannot answer the need. Appomattox county citizens, through their civic clubs, are being asked to give $3,000 to help purchase needed equipment.

So, here are three good causes to help youth and adults attain and maintain the good life. If you can give money, (to the two organizations asking for it), fine. Your donations of time and effort are equally valuable in serving the cause of those who need help.

SPOUT SPRING

Mr. and Mrs. Bob McQueen of Bristol, Va., and Mr. McQueen's mother, Mrs. Mira McQueen of Damascus, were week end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Reynolds and Mrs. Ruth Tweedy.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam A.Brooks, of Farmville,were dinner guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Cyrus on Sunday.

Mrs. Fay Norcunk and Mrs. Esther Cole attended the District Women's Club meeting at Randolph Macon Woman's College last week. Mrs. Norconkis the president of the Appomattox Club.

Mrs. F. O. Jones is sick at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Reynolds visited in the home of her brother, George Almond, and family in Lynchburg Sunday.

F.B.L.A Club News

The regular meeting of the Future Business Leaders of America was held on March 18, 1971 in the high school auditorium.

David Tyree, president, called the meeting to order and was followed by devotions given by our club chaplain, Diane Smith. Kathy Woodson presented the secretary's report and called the roll.

Mary Nell Doss then brought up the subjects of having an FBLA Banquet and adopting collecting money for the Red Cross as one of our service projects. Officer tryouts were discussed and the results of our Regional Convention held at Longwood College were announced.

Ann Cunningham then presented her "prize - winning speech, entitled the "Hope of the Nation," before the entire club. Miss Cunningham will enter her speach at the State Convention at Richmond in April.

Our guest speaker, Mr. Harry Gordon Lawson, was then introduced by Mary Nell Doss. Mr. Lawson spoke to us on the subject of being interviewed for a job upon entering the business world.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Dianne Williams, Reporter

1,500,000 Americans are cured of cancer

The Pastor Speaks

DOES IT PAY TO BE A CHRISTIAN?

Max Jukes lived in the state of New York. He did not believe in Christian training. He married a woman who believed the same things he did. From their union they have studied 1,026 of their descendants. Three hundred of them died prematurely. One hundred ninety of them were sent to the penitentiary for an average of thirteen years apiece. One hundred ninety of them were public prostitutes. There were one hundred drunkards among them. The family cost the state of New York $1,200,000. They made no contribution at all to society.

Jonathan Edwards lived in the same state. He believed in Christian training. He married a girl that believed the same things he did. From their union they have made a study of seven hundred twenty - nine descendants. Out of this one family have come three hundred preachers, sixty-five college professors, thirteen college presidents, sixty authors of good books, three United States congressmen and one vice-president of the United States. Only one, Aaron Burr, a grandson of Edwards ever cost the State a penny.

The difference between the two families? One believed in Christian training. One gave their heart conversions to the Lord Jesus Christ, the other did not.

Woodrow Wilson said, "There can be no liberal education without a knowledge of the Bible." Daniel Webster said in the halls of Congress, "The Bible is our safe guide. So long as we take it as our instructor for conduct and character, we will go on prospering in the future as in our past. But the moment we relegate it from our lives, a catastrophe will come to us such as we have not known before."

Make sure your children receive the best in Christian instruction and training. Take them to a Bible believing Church.

Rev. Earnie W. Lucas
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THA Degrees

The awarding of the degrees of achievement in the Future Homemakers of America Organization is a means of recognizing the growth of the individual chapter member toward the over-all goals and purposes of the organizations.

There are three levels of degrees. The first in the Junior Degree, symbolized by the key. The key represents the opportunity for members to attain a more satisfying home life and successful future through participation in chapter projects.

The second level is the Chapter Degree, symbolized by the scroll, which stands for the many learning experiences available to youth in the varied FHA activities.

The highest degree, called the State Degree, is represented by the torch. It is usually awarded to Juniors or Seniors in high school who have had four years of Home Economics, and who apply for the degree. The torch is symbolic of the guiding light that challenges and inspires further endeavor.

The Appomattox County High School Chapter of the Future Homemakers of America presents their degrees at the annual Mother - Daughter Banquet. This year, seven Junior Degrees will be awarded, and twenty girls will receive their Chapter Degrees. We have one applicant, Senior Becky Harris, for the State Degree. These degrees are awarded at the State Convention in June.

The three Degrees of Achievement are a fundamental part of the Future Homemakers of America; for they stress individual responsibility and cooperation, so that members will become more effective in families and communites. As FHA'ers strive to fulfill their degree standards, they learn new techniques and accept more responsibility, and are further prepared for their future roles as builders of the basic American institution – the home.

ACHS Honor Roll

Four additonal students should be recognized as Honor Roll students at Appomattox County High School. Their names were not included in last week's listing in the Times-Virginian: 12th grade, Ronnie Nash; 10th grade, Charlie Gunter and David Drinkard; 9th grade, Suzanne Kanipe.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE

REJECTED CORNERSTONE

Lesson for April 4, 1971

Background Scripture: Matthew 21: 1-17, 33-46. Devotional Reading: Isaiah 53: 1-12.

Sometimes the parables of Jesus required some deep thinking before their significance was comprehended by his listeners. This was not true of the parable which he tells in Matthew 21: 33-46. His audience surely recognized the meaning of "vineyard," for Isaiah had spoken of Israel as God's planted vineyard.

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He digged it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a vine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes (Isaiah 5: 1a, 2).

Rebellious Tenants

So it was not a flattering reference to Israel for the prophet was saying that, despite the tender care God gave his vineyard, it was unfruitful, failing to yield the results he had intended. Once again, then, Jesus is comparing Israel to a vineyard. This time the inference is not that the land is unfruitful, but that the tenants who tend it are rebellious against the owner, refusing to give him the fruits which are rightly his.

This parable came as a terrible condemnation to the religious leaders in Jesus' day for Jesus is picturing them as willfully rebellious against God. The problem is not that they don't know any better, not that they are simply making a mistake, but that they are willfully choosing to rebel against God. It was bad enough for Jesus to suggest that they were wrong, but for him to say that they were knowingly rebelling against God must have been a bitter slap in the face.

As Bishop Gerald Kennedy has said, "One of the hardest things to understand about Jesus is his constant attack on classes of people we admire most." These men were zealous advocates of the Jewish faith; they were almost fanatical in their observance of the law; surely he should not have found fault with them!

But he did. And the fault he found was the fault of arrogant pride. They were not humble tenants on God's vineyard, but proud and willful men who were bent on having their own way. It was pride in their supposed moral righteousness that caused them to turn a deaf ear to the prophets.

He Sent His Son

This is not ancient history but also a description of our own contemporary situation today. God has the greatest difficulty in getting through to those of us who should be easiest to reach, yet, because of our self righteousness, are most likely to turn a deaf ear to his messengers. Like Israel, the Church is often tempted to take the vineyard into our own hands, to enjoy its fruits and ignore the one who owns it.

Is the parable and in Jesus' life, he was also was rejected and, in fact, put to death. This, Jesus points out clearly, is a rebellious, defiant act against the Father himself. So it was not just Jesus whom Israel rejected, but God.

Jesus, who should have been the cornerstone of the renewed Judaism, was utterly rejected by the very people who most should have accepted him. One cannot help but wonder whether we today might stand where they did. Of all people, we should receive the Christ at work in the world that we do should this cornerstone, we danger of rejecting they did!

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Seventh Graders 'On Tour'

[illegible] graders of Appomattox Intermediate School took a tour of the Times-Virginian building recently as a part of their unit on community life and activities. The offset presses, laminating machine, and the automatic typesetter are just a part of the machinery which appears to be of great interest to the students.

TWO INVESTIGATORS ADDED IN DRUG FIGHT

Two additional state police investigators have been assigned to the third division in Appomattox to step up the war against drug abuse.

Capt. M. S. Urick, director of personnel, said three new investigators will take up duty in Appomattox April 1, but one is a replacement for an existing post.

Urick said all divisions will receive two additional investigators in the state-wide crackdown on drug traffic. The move is provided by the special session of the General Assembly to enable the State Police to increase its manpower by adding more investigators and 48 troopers Urick said.

The investigators assigned to Appomattox are Joseph S. [illegible] appointed to the State Police in January 1951, recently stationed in Fredericksburg; Warren E. Moore, [illegible] to the force in June, 1953, now stationed in Alexandria and Jerry L. Strickland, a trooper since June, 1969, [illegible] stationed in Danville.

He said Appomattox, along with four other divisions, has a staff of eight investigators. Richmond has nine.

Mrs. Constance Brown, of Gladstone, holds old coin.

Coin May Be 1,000 Years Old

Mrs. Constance Brown, of Gladstone, is the Bible teacher for the Men's Class at Gladstone Memorial Baptist Church. On a recent Sunday the lesson was on "talents" and Mrs. Brown brought with her the old coin shown above.

It was given to her daughter, Evelyn Brown, a nurse, by Van Stefanille, curator, Smithsonian Institute, Washington, who was grateful for the good nursing care given his wife by Miss Brown.

The coin about the size of a US quarter, may have been minted between 976 and 1025 A.D. A man's head is shown on one side with four lines of lettering on the reverse side. Only a few of the letters are readily visible. "Christus" or "Christus", "Basile" and " . . . Silev". The curator had written the words Basil II and Constantine VIII on the outside of the envelope holding the coin.

The Gladstone Men's Class, families and friends enjoyed a Sunday night supper at the Gladstone Firehouse on March 28. Easter eggs, spring flowers and greenery decorated the tables, with the buffet featuring turkey, dressing and gravy and all kinds of home made delicacies.

Farm Auction Sat In Evergreen

A farm auction at the home of Mr. Jack Morris, Road 633, Evergreen, will be held on Sat. April 3 starting at 11 a.m.

Farm machinery, tools, livestock and household items will be auctioned by Percy George, George's Auction Service.

Milk cans, wooden wash tub, stone churns, a #4 farm bell and other items are being offered.

Lunch will be served.

Plan Annual Union Service

An overflow crowd attended the choir festival sponsored by the Morning Star Baptist Church last Sunday evening at 3 p.m. Mrs. Hereritta P. Johnson was sponsor of the program and served as mistress of ceremony. The following choirs took an active part: Promise Land, Mount Zion, Mount Airy, Jordan, Second Mineral Spring and Peaceful Grove. The local newly organized Morning Star Church Choir rendered two beautiful selections. The general offering which was very good, was lifted by deacons Bass Ferguson and Cornel Austin. Remarks were given by the former pastor, Rev. C. L. Elliott and the Rev. R.Q. Lawing.

The annual Union Service will be held at the Galilee Baptist Church this Sunday morning at 11 a.m. Congregations from Mt. Shiloh, Promise Land and Galilee will worship together. Special music will be rendered by the Galilee Senior and Junior Choirs. The public is invited to attend.

The Mount Shiloh Junior Choir and pastor will render evening service at the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church this Sunday evening at 2:30. The program is being sponsored by Mrs. Christine Washington for the benefit of the church.

Impressive services were held at the Promised Land Baptist Church last Sunday morning. The pastor delivered a soul stirring sermon. Special music was rendered by the Senior Choir. Several visitors attended the service.

Rev. and Mrs. R. Q. Lawing and family attended the funeral of her aunt the late Mrs. Ella Gallup at the Bethesda Baptist Church Saturday at 2 p.m.

All members of the Appomattox Assembly are asked to attend the next regular meeting. Business of importance will be presented.

Attend the church of your choice this Palm Sunday.

Tower Donated To Squad

Pictured above are members of The Appomattox County Rescue Squad assisted by members of the Appomattox Volunteer Fire Department in dismantling the 60 ft. radio tower from the top of the Appomattox Oil Company Building. Mr. Lewis McDearmon, owner of Appomattox Oil Company, has very graciously donated the tower to the Rescue Squad for their use in providing two-way radio contact between their headquarter's building and the mobile equipment. Mr. Grover P. Beasley, Jr. headed the dismantling operation.

Easter Service Is Planned

A Community Easter Service is to be held at the Appomattox Court House Presbyterian Church at 6:30 a.m. on Easter morning. The Easter message will be brought by the Rev. Alfred Eastman, pastor of Memorial United Methodist Church. Special music will be furnished by the Young Adult Choir of the Presbyterian Church. All people from the Appomattox area are invited to participate in this service.

HENNY PENNY HD CLUB

The Henny Penny HD Club met at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Turner on March 24. The demonstration was on "Bringing Your Warrobe Up to Date". Miss Lelia Mayton showed a film on breast cancer. The title was "It's Up to You." It was very interesting. Hope it will encourage everyone to have a checkup. The meeting was enjoyed by all.

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